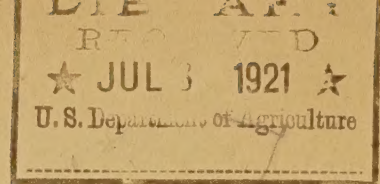


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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Executive Committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the States Relations Service, United States Department of Agriculture, relative to Farm Bureaus and the Extension Service.

Since questions have arisen regarding the relations of the Farm Bureaus to the Cooperative Extension Service of the State Agricultural Colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture, it has seemed desirable for the national organizations representing the Farm Bureaus and the Extension Service to formulate and recommend to their State and County organizations the following general outline of a policy which may govern the relations of the Farm Bureaus and the Extension Service in their cooperative enterprises.

THE FARM BUREAU

The County Farm Bureau is a voluntary organization of people engaged in farming and has for its object the promotion of the economic and social interests of agriculture. It is non-secret, non-partisan, and non-sectarian and it is its policy as an organization not to engage in commercial activities. It is open to both men and women on equal terms. While it may engage in other activities it is greatly interested in the promotion of the cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics organized by the State Agricultural Colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture under the Smith-Lever Extension Act and related Federal and State laws. It may, therefore, cooperate with the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and the Department by contributing of its funds toward the maintenance of one or more extension agents in the county and joining in the work of the Extension Service through its committees and otherwise under agreements with the State Extension Director. The Farm Bureau is organized with a president, secretary, treasurer and executive committee who will themselves or

CHAPTER I. THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

THE first discovery of America was made by Christopher Columbus in 1492.

He sailed from Spain on the 3rd of September, and after a long voyage, he reached the island of San Salvador on the 12th of October.

He then sailed on to the island of Cuba, and then to the island of Hispaniola.

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through other representatives of the Farm Bureau solicit memberships, collect dues, handle its funds and in general manage its affairs.

THE EXTENSION SERVICE

The Cooperative Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and the United States Department of Agriculture is organized as a division of the College to conduct extension work defined in the Smith-Lever Extension Act as follows:

Sec. 2 - That cooperative agricultural extension work shall consist of the giving of instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics to persons not attending or resident in said colleges in the several communities, and imparting to such persons information on said subjects through field demonstrations, publications, and otherwise, and this work shall be carried on in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of Agriculture and the State agricultural college or colleges receiving the benefits of this act.

This extension work will deal not only with agricultural production but also with economic problems, including marketing and cooperative associations and with the interests of the farm home and the rural community. The extension service, including the county agent, is as much interested in the marketing, distribution and utilization of farm products as it is in production, and it may properly give information and help in all of these lines.

The Extension Service in each State is under the administrative management of an Extension Director, who is the joint representative of the College and the Department. Under the director are the State agents or leaders, the extension specialists and the county agricultural agents, home demonstration agents and club agents or leaders. The extension directors are authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with county officials and farm bureaus or like organizations with reference to financial support for the maintenance of extension work in the county and the plans for the use of the cooperative funds in the extension work within the county.

BASIS OF COOPERATION

The general basis of cooperation between the county farm bureau and the Extension Service will be as follows:

The County Agricultural Agents, Home Demonstration Agents and Club Agents cooperatively employed will be members of the extension service of the State Agricultural College and under the administrative direction of the Extension Director, and will carry on such lines of extension work as may be mutually agreed upon by representatives of the agricultural college and the farm bureaus or other like organizations.

Since these county extension agents are part of a public service as defined in the Smith-Lever Act, and receive some part of their salary from public funds, they are to perform service for the benefit of all the farming people of the county whether members of the farm bureaus or not, and are to confine their activities to such as are appropriate for public officials to perform under the terms of the Smith-Lever Act. The county agents will aid the farming people in a broad way with reference to problems of production, marketing and formation of farm bureaus and other cooperative organizations but will not themselves organize farm bureaus or similar organizations, conduct membership campaigns, solicit memberships, receive dues, handle farm bureau funds, edit and manage the Farm Bureau publications, manage the business of the farm bureau, engage in commercial activities or take part in other farm bureau activities which are outside their duties as extension agents.

The county agents and other extension agents will cooperate with the Farm Bureaus or other like organizations interested in extension work in the formulation of county and community plans of cooperative extension work. It will then be the duty of the county agents under general direction of the Extension Director to take charge of the carrying out of such plans and to cooperate with officers, committees and members of the farm bureaus and with other or-

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ganizations and residents of the county in the prompt and efficient execution of these plans.

TERMINOLOGY

In order to do away as far as possible with the confusion now existing in the public mind regarding the organization and work of the Farm Bureau as related to the county agents and the Extension Service generally, it is recommended that hereafter in publications and otherwise the cooperative extension service shall be differentiated from the farm bureau work. That is, the farm bureau will have its relations with the extension service (consisting of the county agents, extension committees, demonstrations, etc.) as one of its departments. Other departments might be a publicity department which would prepare and publish a periodical (Farm Bureau News), press articles and notices, announcements of meetings, etc., department of relations with marketing and other cooperative associations, etc.

The work which centers in the county agents would be designated as the Cooperative Extension Service and the miscellaneous enterprises of the Farm Bureau as Farm Bureau work.

FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

The County Farm Bureaus have their State and National (American) Farm Bureau Federations, which are working on economic and legislative matters and are also promoting the extension service and agricultural education and research. These Federations are, however, not directly connected with the Extension Service and do not enter into cooperative agreements with the State Colleges and the Department of Agriculture involving the use of Federation funds and the employment of extension agents, and the college and the Department are not responsible for the activities of the Farm Bureau Federations. There is, however, much advisory consultation between

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representatives of the Farm Bureau Federations and officers of the Colleges and the Department with reference to plans for advancing the agricultural interests of the States and the Nation.

Signed -

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